

Application Serial No. 10/750,598

REMARKS

This amendment is presented in response to the office action mailed September 22, 2005.

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SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

A substitute specification is enclosed. The substitute specification includes corrected page numbers, since all original pages were erroneously numbered "29." Furthermore, typographical corrections to pages 3 and 16 were made, as identified in detail above. No new matter has been added.

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35 USC 102 REJECTIONS: CLAIMS 1-33

Claims 1-33 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,023,723 to McCormick et al. ("McCormick"). The claim rejections are moot in view of the new claims. Broadly, McCormick is limited to filtering junk e-mails, and fails to provide any disclosure related to message subscriptions, let alone the specific features found in the claims. The new claims are patentably distinguished from McCormick.

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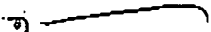
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, all pending claims in the application are patentable over the applied art. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are hereby requested.

Applicant does not believe any fees are due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 07-1445 (Order No. AOL0106).

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